

REMARKS

Claims 1-33 were pending in the present application.

Claims 1-33 have been rejected.

Claims 1-33 are cancelled herein.

New Claims 34-54 are added herein.

Reconsideration of Claims 34-54 is respectfully requested in view of the following arguments.

The November 2, 2004 Office Action objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a) for failing to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. The Applicant respectfully asserts that the cancellation of Claims 1-33 renders this objection moot. The element “visitor location register controller within said mobile switching center” is not recited in new Claims 34-54. The Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the objection to the drawings.

The November 2, 2004 Office Action rejected Claims 1 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. §112 as being incomplete for omitting essential structural cooperative relationships. The Applicant respectfully asserts that the cancellation of Claims 1 and 12 renders this rejection moot. The elements “processing element controller within said mobile switching center” and “processing element” are not recited in new Claims 34-54. The Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the §112 rejection.

The November 2, 2004 Office Action rejected Claims 1-33 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No 6,091,953 to *Ho et al.* (hereinafter simply “*Ho*”). The Applicant

respectfully asserts that the cancellation of Claims 1-33 renders the rejection moot and respectfully requests the withdrawal of the §102 rejection.

The Applicants have replaced cancelled Claims 1-33 with new Claims 34-54 in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the Applicants' invention. The Applicant respectfully submits that new Claims 34-54 are patentable over the cited prior art.

New independent Claims 34, 41 and 48 recite a mobile switching center (MSC) capable of distributing messages to a plurality of visitor location register (VLR) units. The *Ho* reference clearly teaches only a single visitor location register associated with each mobile switching center. *See Ho: Figs. 2, 5B, 13, 16 and 17; Col. 6, lines 19-22; Col. 7, lines 34-37; Col. 8, lines 22-24 and 44-47; Col. 12, lines 11-12; Col. 17, line 67, through Col. 18, line 9; Col. 19, lines 31-32.* In fact, the *Ho* reference describes the performance of an inter-VLR location update as requiring the intermediation of the home location register between the new serving MSC and the previous serving MSC. *See Ho, Col 24, lines 18-25.* Thus, the Applicant respectfully submits that new Claims 34-54 are patentable over the *Ho* reference.

SUMMARY

For the reasons given above, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of pending claims and that this Application be passed to issue. If any outstanding issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of this Application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *jmockler@davismunck.com*.

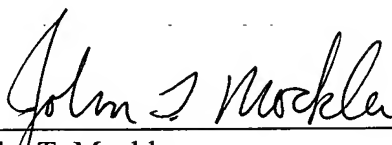
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